

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Elba Chapter of AARP met recently at the Elba Senior Center and installed officers for the year of 2006. The officers are (from right to left): president-Nadine Fuller; vice president-Martha Guerrero; secretary-Mary Donaldson; treasurer-Ann Davis. The AARP meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba Senior Center. Everyone 50 years old and above is invited and encouraged to attend.

HONOR ROLLS

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Dylan Seay, Kendra Silar, Chasity Ann Slenker, Lindsey Elizabeth Smith, Randall James Solomon, Alexis Michelle Tillis
8th Grade: Manfred Edward Bobbitt, Travionne Craighead, Kristina Marie Doney, Ashley Renee Front, Zachary Gilbert, Daniqua Danielle Horstead, Devin Blake Jackson, Zackery Kevin Kelley, Carlos Matias, Lindsay Meagan McClung, Sherry McNeal, Jeremy Kyle Pope, Keithren Rashad Rodgers, LaTanda Doretha Tyson
9th Grade: Shelby Danielle Adcock, Ashley Nicole Bailey, Courtney Bell, Brandon Danley, Kayla Farnon, Maranda Foust, Catherine Miller, Laquita Sharda Reed, Richreana Branae Singletary, Donnie O'Neal Jr., Stinson, Rebecca Megan Sullivan, Gabrielle Elaine Welch Pope, Bradley Stephen Wilson II, Yolonda Renee Wright
10th Grade: Megan Ann Anderson, Marcus Dakell Berry, Zachary Justin Boutwell, Charles Matthew Brunson, Erica Nequell Daniels, Justin Hammonds, Daniel Aaron Harrelson, Brittany Ann Holley, Bobby Randall Hudson, Gucci Roy Hudson, Tiffany Renee Johnson, Toshamba Finiece Jones, Damesha Shamay Jordan,

James Peter King, Kayla Kristin Kyser, Martin E. McCormick, Tia McCown, Brittany Lashawn Phillips, April Price, Douglas Blake Qualls, Tina Denise Reed, Dimetrio Martinez Tyson, Alyssa Walden Frost, James Weldon Greek, Mason Evert Gulley, Ron Castio Hill, Kayla Brook Honyak, Brittany Nicole Hudson, Kimberly Jones, Todd Hamilton Kelley, Whitney Vaughan Lawford, Tesha Renee Lee, Daniel Myers, Dustin Dwain Rhoades, Amanda Ann Slenker, Kendall Rebecca Stinson, Andrew Cornelius Stoudemire, Elizabeth Rae Walker, Chad Zachariah Williams

NBHS announces honor rolls for second reporting period

All "A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Whitney Brantley, Nathan Compher, Ja'micah Dunn, Heather Hendrix, Chelsey Holloway, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Steven Smith
8th Grade: Abby Dunaway, Cassidy Moore, Adam Pope, Michele Taylor, Kristin Wood
9th Grade: Chelsey Dempsey, Charlie Kilcrease, Daniel Pair, Jessica Parrish, Chelsey Smith, Vanessa Stuckey
10th Grade: Kristine Fitzgerald, Megan Grosland, Daniel Kelley, Monica Largess, Bethany Milligan, Kendall Persin, Rachel Troyer

12th Grade:

Emily Hardiman, Georgia Smith, Kayleigh Watson
"A-B" Honor Roll
7th Grade: Cailynn Bastion, Alyssa Brown, Shelby Caradine, Brittany Clarke, Aubrey Hawkins, Brandi Hendrix, Megan Jones, Johnc Morgan, Daniel Morris, Kyle Peacock, Kimberly Perdue, Michael Potete, Kayla Purvis, Courtney Williams
8th Grade: Dixi Boswell, Emily Bowers, Shelby Brown, Justin Farris, Justin Griswold, Skylar Lee, Letel Magwood, Tevin McNair, Ebonee Muhammad, Melissa Osborn, Sarah Sims, Josh Stanton, Krista Thumason, Sawyer Whittaker, Kelly Wood
9th Grade: Ashley

Anderson, Rachel Barrett, Brandon Bell, Brandon Danley, Kayla Farnon, Maranda Foust, Catherine Miller, Laquita Sharda Reed, Richreana Branae Singletary, Donnie O'Neal Jr., Stinson, Rebecca Megan Sullivan, Gabrielle Elaine Welch Pope, Bradley Stephen Wilson II, Yolonda Renee Wright
10th Grade: Ashley Anderson, Emilee Dunn, Andrew Fuller, Aaron Pope, Josh Roberts, Ginny Smith, Kurstie Stanton, Brandi Taylor, Beth Vaughan
11th Grade: Heath Hollis, Valarie Hutcherson, Natalie Mahan, Vanna Marshall, Jamie Motley, Roland Scudder, Luke Simmons, Ashley Stanford, Tori Stone
12th Grade: Chad Anderson, Vicki Baxley, Delores Bell, Tasha Bond, Anna Bryant, Ashley Caylor, Derrick Cook, Britney Donaldson, Whitney Donaldson, Blake Drewery, Stephen Hines, Brandi Howard, Hillary Mock, Brema Motley, Bradley Nichols, Katy Richardson, Chelsea Wood



MATTHEW MARLER, nine year old son of Marty and Angie Marler of Elba, is shown with his first deer. The spot was killed on January 22nd in what is now the youngest's "favorite and secret hunting ground".

Happy Groundhog Day!
(Today)
Feb. 2, 2006

Gypsy Morrow Smith
 and
Sydney Albert (Al) Smith
 announce the merger of their law practices.
 The new practice will be
Smith & Smith,
Attorneys at Law, L.L.C.

The offices will be combined at the previous office of Jackson W. "Bill" Stokes at 105 South Court Ave, Elba, Alabama 36323.
 The telephone numbers:
334-897-2894 and (334)897-3658

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Accident claims two lives

by Linda Hodge, Editor

An automobile accident Friday evening, Feb. 3, claimed the life of two Coffee County residents and injured another.

According to information released by the Alabama Department of Safety's Highway Patrol Division, at approximately 11:10 p.m. last Friday evening, a one-vehicle accident occurred on U.S. Highway 87 North, 215 just three miles South of Jack, Ala. and about a quarter mile from Alabama Highway 87 North.

Fatally injured in the accident were Jeremy Paul Jackson, age 20, of Enterprise, Ala., and Amber Lee Ann Ogburn, age 18, of Elba, Ala.

Jackson and Ogburn were passengers in a 2003 Chevrolet truck driven by Andrew Jason Senn, age 32, of Jack. Senn was injured and transported from the scene to Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS.

Reports indicate the vehicle struck a tree after leaving the roadway.

Senn was arrested by state troopers earlier this week and charged with two counts of murder.

There are indications that speeding and alcohol were factors in the fatal accident.

Jeremy Jackson Senn made his first court appearance Monday afternoon, Feb. 6, where District Judge Paul Sherling set his bond at a combined \$20,000. Also, upon his release from jail, Senn is required to wear an alcohol-monitoring ankle bracelet.

Jackson and Ogburn had been a couple for quite some time, and a joint funeral was held for them Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7, at First Assembly of God Church in Elba. Following the service, Jackson and Ogburn

were buried next to one another at Asbury Cemetery.

Jackson was a 2003 graduate of Enterprise High School while Ogburn was a 2005 graduate of New Brockton High School.

Friday's accident was the second fatal wreck to occur in the same area of County Road 215 within the past six months. Austin Kyle Smith, age 18, of Jack, died Aug. 18, 2005 as the result of a one-vehicle accident in nearly

the same spot as the one that claimed the lives of Jackson and Ogburn last Friday night.

The accident remains under investigation by the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office.

NOTICE

A reward is being offered for information leading to the recovery of approximately 40 stolen VHS family videos. Most are labeled with Adam, Ashley, special events, holidays, Waddell, etc. (son now deceased), these can not be replaced.

Also stolen was a huge baseball card collection in a heavy metal container with a lid-up lid, sports posters, furniture, jewelry and a Cascade wood-burning stove and pipe.

The items reportedly were stolen some time between Saturday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Anyone with information that might lead to the recovery of the items is asked to call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-6200.

Elba recognizes Career/Technical Education Week (Feb. 12th-18th)

Students and faculty in the seven career/technical education programs at Elba High School will celebrate Alabama Career/Technical Education (CTE) Week on Feb. 12-18. This weeklong celebration will emphasize the role of career/technical education in the future career success of students and its importance to their academic achievement.

"We invite interested community residents to visit all Career/Technical programs at EHS during this week," said Larry Goodson, Career/Technical Education

Director for the Elba City School System. "We want them to see the level of skills students gain here, and how working with people from the business community we're preparing young people to be productive career professionals and community leaders."

Currently, one out of every two high school students in Alabama participates in a career/technical education program. These students have an opportunity to explore their career options in more than 215

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City of Elba officials working to stop acts of vandalism

by Linda Hodge, Editor

City of Elba officials hope to catch the person(s) responsible for several acts of vandalism that have occurred recently in two specific areas of town.

Elba City Clerk Wayne Grantham said Monday, Feb. 6, that city employees had found a city-owned fence located at the Mulberry Park completely disassembled. Grantham said this is a disturbing find for several reasons.

He said the fence was assembled by the city to protect a lift station that houses a sewage pump system and electrical outlet. Not only does the fence pro-



City officials found this fence completely disassembled Monday. It was constructed as a safety feature for a lift station located next to the Mulberry Park grounds.

tect the city's equipment, but Grantham said it keeps citizens

from getting too close to the electrical system thus preventing possible injury.

Grantham said if the city moved the lift station, the park's bathroom would be useless. Therefore, he hopes this type of vandalism can be prevented in the future.

Another area Grantham said the city continues to have trouble with is

vandalism is along the levee's walking trail between Caroline Street and Highway 189 (Kinston Hwy.)

This light unit located on the levee's walking trail recently was found damaged.

There is evidence in this area of the walking trail where someone is kicking the lights until the unit breaks loose from the concrete.

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Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will sponsor a "financial aid information night" for senior parents Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. This will be a great opportunity for parents to get financial aid information and the federal/pell grant forms.

VETERAN VETERANS OF AMERICA INC. CHAPTER 273 will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. at the Clayhatchee community house. There will be a potluck supper. The organization is looking for more Vietnam Era Veterans to become members. Guests are welcome.

THE MISS PCA SWEETHEART PAGEANT will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. Winners will be crowned in six divisions including: Tiny Miss (0-3), Little Miss (4-6), Petite Miss (7-9), Junior Miss (10-12), Teen Miss (13-15) and Miss (16-18). All entry fees and forms are due no later than Monday, Feb. 15. For more information, call Shannon Boswell at 897-4275 or Lisa Smith at 897-6802.

ALTRUDA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF JACK will sponsor the Miss Zion Chapel pageant Saturday, April 1, at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. The categories are as follows: Future Little Miss (4 yrs-Kindergarten), Little Miss (1st-5th grades only), Junior Miss (6th-10th grades), and Miss (11 yrs-21 yrs). Deadline to enter is Monday, Feb. 27. For more information, call Stacie Dewberry at 735-2099 or Kayla Deal at 897-8412.



SIGNS OF TRAGEDY continue to grow along Coffee County Road 215 in the Zion Chapel community. Within the past six months, two separate one-vehicle wrecks have claimed the lives of three young Coffee County citizens. On Aug. 18, 2005, Austin Smith was killed when his vehicle left the roadway and struck one of the above shown trees on County Rd. 215. Last Friday night, Feb. 3, another one-vehicle wreck occurred in almost the same location. This time two young lives were taken when Jeremy Jackson and Amber Ogburn died. Jackson and Ogburn were passengers of a 2003 Chevrolet truck that left the roadway and struck a tree very near the tree Smith's vehicle struck.

Governor Bobby Riley visits New Brockton High School Monday afternoon, Feb. 6th

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Governor Bob Riley was at New Brockton High School Tuesday afternoon. It was another stop on his tour of selected schools around Alabama as he promotes his education budget plan which includes \$500 million to school systems for repairs, renovation and construction of school buildings.

While in New Brockton the governor toured the vo-ag building, one of the oldest continuous used school buildings in the state. He also toured the school cafeteria, which is so small students must eat in shifts in an extended time period.

Under Riley's plan there will be \$3 million of construction funds in the three Coffee County school systems, \$800,000 for the Coffee County system alone.

The governor noted that the rural school systems of Alabama could leverage this money and get far more "bang for the buck" than a big city school system would get by contracting out major projects.

He cited the remodeling work in the school library as an example of rural systems leveraging funds and getting vital work at reasonable prices.

He added that whatever happened with the education budget this year, higher education would get their part. AEA would get it's part while K-12 would get little or nothing unless someone stands up for them.

According to the governor, the "rainy day fund" within the education budget already has a quarter of a billion dollars and never in the history of Alabama has there been a need for more reserve funding that

that amount.

The governor said that for Alabama to grow, the state needs a world class education program.

On hand to greet the governor were Principal Dale Kelley, Superintendent Linda Ingram, Representative Terry Spicer, Sheriff Ben Moates, Police Chief Dale Grimes and a host of other area citizens.



Governor Bob Riley sits on the edge of the stage in the old New Brockton Auditorium Tuesday afternoon. He commented on the flood of memories the facility brought back to him because it looked exactly like the auditorium in the high school he attended in Clay County.

The governor commented that apparently the schools of that day were all build from the same set of plans. He added that he could probably tell someone exactly how to get on the stage through the door at the side of the stage, without ever having previously been in the building.

With the governor is New Brockton High School Principal Dale Kelley.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

There continues to be debate over the National Security Agency's (NSA) monitoring of international phone calls. Frankly we could argue either side in a formal debate . . . and make some good points for either position. Regardless of the right or wrong of the phone call monitoring there is one issue which concerns us but is getting little discussion. This activity was leaked to the news media by someone inside the NSA . . . someone with a very high security clearance. America must have secrets, a necessary in this world in which we live. However if the folks entrusted with keeping these secrets are allowed to make independent judgements over what should be secret and what should not, based on personal opinions, then America doesn't have any secrets and that could easily lead to the unthinkable . . . no more United States.

Then there is also a less than admirable opinion of our peers in the journalism profession who will exploit this information for their own selfish and shortsighted benefit.

Another tragic auto accident in Coffee County this past weekend resulted in the death of two young people who had promise of great lives ahead of them. Ironically this one car accident was only a few trees away from another which also claimed the life of a member of Coffee County's up and coming generation just months ago. It is not our right to determine the cause of these wrecks. However, if excessive speed was involved, this is a plea to all other drivers to slow down to a safer speed. If poor road construction is involved, we demand the law be repaired . . . now. Whatever the cause it is our opinion that most accidents can be prevented. Human lives are too important for America to lose a single one without each and every citizen making a concerted effort to prevent the death.

Our household was not among the over 90 million watching the Super Bowl Sunday evening. Neither the teams nor the hype over the multimillion dollar commercials was enough to attract us. Now we read opinions from many of the "experts" who don't think this game, the halftime show nor the expensive commercials will go down in history as memorable events. Okay, so what else is new.

The Tuesday funeral of Coretta Scott King got a little too political for our taste and suspect she would have said the same. However with so many political figures pouring into the Atlanta church, it should have been expected that there would be some political posturing from the microphone. May God and Mrs. King both forgive each of them. Surely their intentions were good.

The rash of rural church burnings across Alabama in the past week is embarrassing, or should be embarrassing to all citizens of this state. While the experts are still looking through clues and there is talk that it may be hate crimes, etc. our opinion differs. When the deal settles, arrests are made, etc. it will just be a bunch of red neck outlaw types. It is a group out of what they think is a "fun" evening with a few beers and some loud laughs. All because they think their actions are funny and/or give them a sense of power. Actually it only shows how little (or unused) their brain is and just how shallow they think. The churches are the victims of choice because they are isolated and convenient.

IRS announces "dirty dozen" tax scams for 2006

The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2006 "Dirty Dozen"—its latest annual tally of some of the most notorious tax scams—along with an alert to taxpayers this filing season to watch out for schemes that promise to reduce or eliminate taxes. The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

1. **Zero Wages.** In this scam, a taxpayer attaches to his or her return either a Form 4852 (Substitute Form W-2) or a "corrected" Form 1099 that shows zero or little wages or other income. The taxpayer may include a statement indicating the taxpayer is rebating information submitted to the IRS by the payer. An explanation on the Form 4852 may cite "statutory language behind IRC 3401 and 3121" or may include some reference to the paying company refusing to issue a corrected Form W-2 for fear of IRS retaliation. The Form 4852 or 1099 is usually attached to a "Zero Return."

2. **Form 843 Tax Abatement.** This scam, rests on faulty interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code. It involves the filer requesting abatement of previously assessed tax using Form 843. Many using this scam have not previously filed tax returns and the tax they are trying to have abated has been assessed by the IRS through the Substitute for Return Program. The filer uses the Form 843 to list reasons for the request. Often, one of the reasons is: "Failed to properly compute and/or calculate IRC." See 83-Property Transferred in Connection with Performance of Service."

3. **Phishing.** Phishing is a technique used by identity thieves to acquire personal financial data in order to gain access to the financial accounts of unsuspecting consumers, run up charges on their credit cards or apply for new loans in their names. These Internet-based criminals pose as representatives of a financial institution and send out fictitious e-mail correspondence in an attempt to trick consumers into disclosing private information. Sometimes scammers pose as the IRS itself. In recent months, some taxpayers have received e-mails that appear to come from the IRS. Taxpayers should take note: The IRS does not use e-mail to initiate contact with taxpayers about issues related to their accounts. If a taxpayer has any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, the taxpayer should call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.

4. **Zero Return.** Promoters instruct taxpayers to enter all zeros on their federal income tax filings. In a twist on this scheme, filers enter zero income, report their withholding and then write "nunc pro tunc"—Latin for "now for then"—on the return. They often also do this with amended returns in the hope the IRS will disregard the original return in which they reported wages and other income.

5. **Trust Misuse.** For years unscrupulous promoters have urged taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. They promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes. However, some trusts do not deliver the promised tax benefits, and the IRS is actively examining these arrangements. As with other arrangements, taxpayers should seek the advice of a trusted professional before entering into a trust.

6. **Frivolous Arguments.** Promoters have been known to make the following outlandish claims: the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect income taxes was never ratified; wages are not income; filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and being required to file Form 1040 violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. Don't believe these or other similar claims. These arguments are false and have been thrown out of court.

7. **Return Preparer Fraud.** Dishonest return preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their schemes. Such preparers derive financial gain by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services. They attract new clients by promising large refunds.

8. **Credit Counseling Agencies.** Taxpayers should be careful with credit counseling agencies that claim they can fix credit ratings, push debt payment plans or impose high set-up fees or monthly service charges that may add to existing debt. The IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division is in the process of revoking the tax-exempt status of numerous credit counseling organizations.

9. **Abuse of Charitable Organizations and Deductions.** The IRS has observed increased use of tax-exempt organizations to improperly shield income or assets from taxation. This can occur, for example, when a taxpayer moves assets or income to a tax-exempt supporting organization or donor-advised fund but maintains control over the assets or income, thereby obtaining a tax deduction without transferring a commensurate benefit to charity. A "contribution" of a historic facade easement to a tax-exempt conservation organization is another example.

10. **Offshore Transactions.** Despite a crackdown by the IRS to make the following outlandish claims: the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect income taxes was never ratified; wages are not income; filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and being required to file Form 1040 violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. Don't believe these or other similar claims. These arguments are false and have been thrown out of court.

11. **Myrtle Williams.** Mrs. Myrtle Williams, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006 at her son's residence in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 2006 at Elba First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Billy Redd officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband, James Ronald Williams, Elba; two daughters: Monica Veasey, Opp, Ala.; Debbie Cox, Fla.; four sons: Danny Waters and Bobby Brooks, both of Opp, Chuck Waters, Montgomery, Ala.; Scott Brooks, Atlanta, Ga.; one sister: Carolyn Elmore, Greenville, Ala.; one brother: Wade Ward, Akron, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

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Obituaries

EILEEN AUSTIN WARREN
Mrs. Eileen Austin Warren, age 40, of Opp, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30, 2006 at New Philadelphia COGIC in Elba, with Superintendent Local Flowers officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Warren was preceded in death by one sister, Janice Austin.

Survivors include her husband: Frederick Warren; three sons: Brandon, Dedrick, and Adrian; six sisters: Melba Jean Edwards, Opp; Yvonne Hill (Greg), Brantley, Ala.; Murlene Coleman (Daniel), Jr., Opp; Pauline Austin, Mobile, Ala.; Claressa Jones (David), Westhampton, N.J.; Shalawn Rosemon, Augusta, Ga.; four brothers: Devaughn Raymond, Warren, Ohio; Stanley Raymond (Joy), Gantt, Ala.; Henry Charles Austin (Kashena), Seattle, Wash.; and Myrtle Luke Austin Jr., Turkey.

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JEREMY PAUL JACKSON
Mr. Jeremy Paul Jackson, age 20, of Enterprise, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 3, 2006.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 2006 at Elba First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Larry Doster officiating. Burial followed with the Ashbury Community Cemetery, Enterprise, with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Kenneth Coon; paternal grandfather, J. P. Jackson; and paternal grandmother, Hazel Jackson.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather: Lesa and Hugh Neenan, Enterprise, his father: Kenneth Jackson, Jack, Ala.; three siblings: Tim, Brenden and Katie Neenan, Enterprise; his grandmother: Betty Coon, Elba; two great-grandmothers: Mary Legg, Brantley, Ala., Rosa Coon, Elba; and a step great-grandmother: Missy Neenan, Deer Field Beach, Fla.

AMBER LEEANN OGBURN
Miss Amber LeeAnn Ogburn, age 18, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 3, 2006.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 2006 at Elba First Assembly of God Church with Dr. Rev. John Granger officiating. Burial followed in the Ashbury Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Amber will not be alone in death but was laid to rest along side her fiancé Jeremy Paul Jackson.

Survivors include her mother: Renee Ogburn, and father: Stanley Ogburn, both of Enterprise, Ala.

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Stanley Royce Ogburn, both of Elba; her sister and brother-in-law: Jessica Leigh Ogburn-Torres and Christopher Torres; Rt. Gordon, Ga.; and her grandparents: Joyce Ogburn, Coleman and Inez Helms, all of Enterprise, Ala.

WILLIAM "BILL" BRYAN HARRISON
Mr. William "Bill" Bryan Harrison, age 61, of Lynn Haven, Fla., died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Panama City, Fla. with Rev. Bruce Rayley officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to the One Heart Fund c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1200, Panama City, FL 92402 in memory of Bill Harrison.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles William Harrison.

Survivors include his son: Bryan E. Harrison, Panama City; his daughter: Holly Marie Harrison, Orlando, Fla.; his mother: Ivy Johnson Harrison, Panama City; two sisters: Rebecca Kay Harrison, Panama City, Nancy (husband, Buddy) Harris, Tow, Texas; and two nephews.

H.J. JACOBS
Mr. H.J. Jacobs, age 72, of Glenwood, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 2006, at Glenwood Assembly of God Church with Rev. Dan Marler officiating. Burial followed in Providence Cemetery, Glenwood, with Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Mr. Jacobs was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff and Annie Mae Whitehead Jacobs, and his son, Danny Jacobs.

Survivors include his wife: Renee Ogburn, and father: Stanley Ogburn, both of Enterprise, Ala.

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Mary Corley Jacobs, Glenwood; two daughters: Gail Bruce (Johnnie), Montgomery, Ala.; Betty Godwin, Banks, Ala.; and six grandchildren.

KENNETH LAMAR "BUDDY" SENN
Mr. Kenneth Lamar "Buddy" Senn, age 58, of Ozark, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006 at Dale Medical Center in Ozark.

Graveside services will be held Feb. 9, 2006 (today) at 11 a.m. at Upper Prospect Church Cemetery in Louisville with Rev. Don Grantham officiating.

Mr. Senn was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Odessa Senn; and brothers, Ralph Senn and Hinton Senn.

Survivors include three daughters: Jessica Elaine Birge (Harold), Dothan, Ala.; Jackie Hamm (Mickey), Louisville, Kentucky; Dawn Senn, Brundridge, Ala.; two sons: Anthony Lamar Senn (Stacy), Shreveport, La.; Louie Kenneth Senn (Patricia), Cottonwood, Ala.; two brothers: Roy Dean Senn and Roger Senn; four sisters: Carolyn Colvin, Mildred Senn, Dorothy Green and Linda Hall; and five grandchildren.

EVELYN EDITH DUNCAN
Ms. Evelyn Edith Duncan, age 74, previously of Elba, Ala., died Nov. 20, 2005 in Mesa, Ariz. after an extended illness.

Evelyn was born on Feb. 8, 1931, in Seward, NE. She graduated from Lincoln General Hospital's School of Nursing in 1952 as a registered nurse. Evelyn and her family moved to Elba in 1964 where she was employed as Director of Nurses of Elba General Hospital for a number of years. After leaving that position, she remained in the surrounding area and worked

as an RN until January 2000 and then relocated to Mesa, Ariz. She continued to work in the capacity as an RN until her health began to fail in 2002. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Stoddard, and her older sister, Elaine Palm.

Survivors include one son: Steven (Donna) Hibbard, Grand Island, NE, one daughter: Melanie (Terral) Murphy, Enterprise, Ala.; and her younger sister: Eleanor Atkins, Tempe, Ariz.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Views from.... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie celebrated her 17th birthday last Saturday and as is tradition in the Mularz Family, we took her out to eat and then let her pick out some gifts during an out-of-town shopping spree. I will admit the lunch was a little expensive for this 'ole country boys tastes, but everyone did enjoy their meal, and Melanie found what she wanted in the first store we visited. The only downer is the fact my baby girl is almost grown!

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY

*** The Elba Tigers upped their record to 16-7 last week with a pair of wins and may be ready to peak at just the right time. The Tigers' wins came over Geneva County and Opp, and in both games the Tigers were pushed late in the contest, but responded and pulled out the wins. Elba still has a habit of not playing four solid quarters and that keeps all their games close. However, the Tigers have won most of those close games and hopefully that experience will help them once the post-season party begins later this week. Another good sign last week came in Elba's win over Opp, where Brandon Kelley hit on 7 of 11 shots from behind the arc and scored 23 points. Senior point guard Mason Gulley has carried the majority of the scoring load throughout the season and many nights has been forced to try and carry the team on his shoulders, but if Kelley can stay hot and share the load the Tigers could have an additional weapon come tournament time.

*** Last Wednesday was national signing day for high school football players heading on to college and at Elba High School a total of three seniors put their names on the dotted line to continue their careers. Brandon Kelley, a two-year starter at quarterback, signed with Southern Arkansas University, while LaRay Williams, a two-year starter at wide-receiver, inked with Jacksonville State, and Kikko Logan, a three-year starter at linebacker, signed with SEC member Vanderbilt. All three young men showed during their careers at Elba High that they had the dedication, work habits and drive to become excellent high school football players, and there is no doubt they will carry those traits to college and give their best to become quality college players. The best part of last week's signings was that now all Elba High student-athletes know that they too can go on to college if they are willing to make the same sacrifice.

*** The area basketball tournaments tip-off later this week all across the state and a number of area teams will enter the post-season party looking to punch their tickets to the sub-region. In the boys division, Brantley will be looking to overcome a late-season swoon and make it to the second round, while Kinston and New Brockton will also enter tournament play confident they can move on. In the girls division, Brantley, Kinston and Zion Chapel all will be looking to advance, and all three should have good shots of they play their best. Since the top two teams from all the area tournaments move on the area teams have good shots. However, one loss in the opening round and the season is over. This is one of my favorite weeks of the season and one in which all basketball fans should get out and see some games.

*** Speaking of tournaments, the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has been selected to host the Alabama Parks and Recreation Association's District Basketball Tournaments on Feb. 24-25 in both the Boys 12 and Under and Boys 10 and Under divisions, and that means a total of 14 teams will hit the court at Elba High School that weekend for two days of youth basketball action. The tournament will tip-off on Friday night with three games, and then continue through the day on Saturday, and I hope all Elba fans will drop by and watch some of the action. It might surprise you!

*** In closing... die-hard college football fans were glued to their radios and televisions last week on signing day to see who would sign with their favorite schools, and it is amazing how big a sport college recruiting has become. Radio talk shows and Internet web sites predict signings all season long, and by the time signing day comes many college fans can't sleep until their schools have the signatures of the nation's top players on their rosters. Most high school athletes are two or three years away from making an impact at the college level. So, the true winners in this year's signing frenzy won't be known for years, and by then many will forget who signed back years ago. Oh well, it does make things interesting for the football fans during basketball season.

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LARAY WILLIAMS... signed a college football scholarship last week to attend Jacksonville State University. Pictured at the signing were (l-r) Elba coach Scott Rials, LaRay Williams, and Williams' parents A.R. and Bessie Williams.



BRANDON KELLEY... signed a college football scholarship last week to attend Southern Arkansas University. Pictured at the signing were (l-r) Elba coach Scott Rials, Brandon Kelley, Marie Duncan, Kelley's mother, and Ernestine Kelley, Kelley's grandmother.

On national signing day

Elba Tiger trio sign college scholarships

Forty high school football players from all across the Wiregrass signed their names to college scholarships last Wednesday morning and Elba High School was as busy as any of the area schools as many members of the Elba Tigers put their names on the dotted line to continue their careers at the next level.

Elba seniors signing college scholarships included quarterback Brandon Kelley, a two-year starter at Southern Arkansas, linebacker Kikko Logan to Southern Arkansas, and wide-receiver LaRay Williams to Jacksonville State.

"These three young men played a major role in the success of the Elba Tigers during their high school careers," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "and their signing shows all the players here at Elba that if they are willing to sacrifice and work hard they will get the chance to play college football. Brandon Kelley was signed as a quarterback by Southern Arkansas, while Kikko Logan signed with Vanderbilt as an outside linebacker, and LaRay Williams signed with Jacksonville State."

Kikko Logan, a 6-2, 200-pounder, recorded 77 tackles, 3

Spotlight on the.... OUTDOORS



MEGAN ANDERSON PETTY... enjoyed the last weekend of hunting season by bagging an 8-point buck. This was the third deer of the season for Megan, who was hunting on private land. Pictured with Megan is Jacob Forbes.

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KIKKO LOGAN... signed a college football scholarship last week to attend Vanderbilt University. Pictured at the official signing were (l-r) Elba coach Scott Rials, Kikko Logan and Cara Patterson, Logan's aunt.

sacks and 3 interceptions during his senior season at Elba, and also rushed for over 600 yards and scored 10 touchdowns. At Vanderbilt, Logan is expected to see action at outside linebacker, and the Tiger standout will join a number of South Alabama grads on the Commodore roster.

"I feel blessed to be able to sign 'with Vanderbilt,'" stated Logan, "and to get the chance to play against teams in the SEC that I have watched on TV all my life. A lot of schools backed out after I got hurt early in the season, but Vanderbilt never quit calling and let me know they wanted me to join their program. I have been told if things work out I will get the chance to play as a freshman. However, I know the coaches will do what is best for me and the team, and I will be ready when I get my shot."

LaRay Williams, a 6-0, 190-pounder, was Elba's "go to" receiver the past two seasons and was considered one of the state's top kickoff returners. At Jacksonville State, Williams is expected to see action immediately in the Gamecocks' spread offense, and also will get the chance to make his mark on kickoff returns.

Southern Arkansas University, located in Magnolia, Arkansas, is a member of the Gulf South Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, and is a member of the Southeastern Conference, and Jacksonville State is located in Jacksonville, Alabama, and is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The tournament trail....

CLASS 2A, AREA 5

Girls Tournament, at Luverne
Thursday, Feb. 9
6:00 - Elba vs. Highland Home
7:30 - Luverne vs. New Brockton
Saturday, Feb. 11
7:00 - Championship Game
Boys Tournament, at Elba
Friday, Feb. 10
6:00 - Luverne vs. Highland Home
7:30 - Elba vs. New Brockton
Monday, Feb. 13
7:00 - Championship Game

CLASS 1A, AREA 3

Girls Tournament, at McKenzie
Thursday, Feb. 9
6:00 - J.P. Shields vs. Kinston
7:30 - McKenzie vs. Florida-PI Home winner
Saturday, Feb. 11
7:00 - Championship Game
Boys Tournament, at J.F. Shields
Friday, Feb. 10
6:00 - Kinston vs. Florida
7:30 - J.F. Shields vs. PI Home-McKenzie winner
Monday, Feb. 13
7:00 - Championship Game

CLASS 1A, AREA 4

Girls Tournament, at Goshen
Thursday, Feb. 9
6:00 - Providence Ch. vs. Brantley
7:30 - Goshen vs. Zion Chapel-Ariton winner
Saturday, Feb. 11
7:00 - Championship Game
Boys Tournament, at Goshen
Friday, Feb. 10
6:00 - Brantley vs. Ariton
7:30 - Goshen vs. Zion Chapel-Providence winner
Monday, Feb. 13
7:00 - Championship Game

(Note: The top two finishers in each tournament will advance to Sub-Region play.)

SPORTS

Kelley burns from behind the arc

Elba Tigers bop Bobcats 64-55

The Elba Tigers posted a much needed road win Friday night when they traveled to Opp and came home with an impressive 64-55 win over the Opp Bobcats.

The win upped the Tigers record to 15-7, while the Bobcats saw their record slip to 9-12 with the loss.

Elba came out ready to play in the opening stanza and rode the hot hand of Brandon Kelley to jump out to an 8-0 lead with 5:30 remaining in the first quarter. Kelley knocked down two long three-pointers to spark the early Elba rally, while Reymar Rodgers added a basket inside. The Bobcats settled down midway through the quarter and cut the Elba lead to 11-9 with 2:44 still left in the period, only to see the Tigers regain the upped hand late in the quarter and open up a 16-11 lead on a last-second three-pointer by Kelley.

Opp scored first in the second quarter to pull within 16-13. However, Elba was more than ready for the Bobcat rally and went on a 6-0 run to stretch its lead to 22-13 with 3:42 left in the stanza. Kikko Logan and Shawn Abbott sparked an 4-0 Tiger rally late in the quarter as Elba upped its lead to 26-16, and the Tigers held on late to carry a 26-20 advantage in the half.

The Bobcats scored the first six points of the third quarter to catch the Tigers at 26-26 with 6:12 remaining in the stanza, but Elba quickly recovered and sparked by back-to-back three-pointers by Brandon Kelley went on a 15-4 run to take a commanding 41-30 lead with 1:53 still left in the quarter.

A three-pointer by Kelley with 13-seconds left in the third quarter enabled the Tigers to

Record slipped to 7-10

Lady Tigers suffer two losses

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court twice last week and suffered two lopsided defeats as their season record slipped to 7-10, with only one regular season game left prior to the area tournament.

Following are highlights of both games:

GENEVA CO. 69
ELBA 30

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the highly-ranked Geneva County Lady Bulldogs last Monday night in Elba and saw things fall apart in the second half in a lopsided 69-30 defeat.

The Lady Tigers rallied from an early 8-2 deficit to grab a 9-8 lead with 2:53 remaining in the opening stanza on a basket by Leanna Henderson. However, Elba scored only two points in the next nine minutes of the half and watched as Geneva County pulled out to a 17-11 advantage.

Geneva County carried a 23-13 lead into the intermission, then took command in the third quarter as the Lady Bulldogs scored the first 13 points of the stanza to open up a 36-13 lead with 5:19 still left on the clock. Elba's LaFondra Thigpen scored six points for the Lady Tigers over a two-minute span to spark a mild rally. However, Geneva County carried a 47-24 lead into the final stanza and never slowed down as the Lady Tigers suffered the lopsided 69-30 home court defeat.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 13 points and Leanna Henderson added 10 to lead Elba, while Whitaker scored 15 to lead Geneva County.

GC 13 10 24 22 - 69
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Elba (63): Gulley 21, Williams 2, Kelley 10, Abbott 7, Cooks 4, Logan 11, Rodgers 2, Stoudemire 6.
Geneva Co. (58): Sconyers 11, Williams 30, Gibson 4, Gilmore 3, Reese 10.

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Elba Tiger Lonzo Cook (2) looks to dribble in during recent action at the Tiger gym. Elba will host this week's Class 2A, Area 3 basketball tournament beginning Friday night.

(Photo by Laura Bazley)

Tigers tamed by Wildcats for
third time this season in 66-41
loss

The Elba Tigers traveled across the county last Tuesday night looking to gain a measure of revenge for two early-season losses to the Enterprise Wildcats, but found the third time to be no charm as they were blasted 66-41, in Enterprise.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 14-7, while Enterprise upped its record to 14-13 with the big win.

Elba's Kikko Logan battled the Wildcats on the boards in the opening stanza and scored 4 points. However, it was the only points the Tigers could manage in the first quarter as the Wildcats pulled out to an early 12-4 lead. Enterprise continued its dominance in the second quarter and opened the stanza with a 13-1 run to open up a 25-5 advantage, and the 6A Wildcats never eased up as they went in at intermission with a 35-15 lead.

The two cross county rivals swapped baskets for much of the third quarter as Enterprise remained in command, and the Wildcats rolled in the final stanza as they downed the out-matched Tigers 66-41.

Kikko Logan scored 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead Elba, while Mason Gulley added 12 points. Nate Baxter and R.J. Roberts scored 12 points each to lead Enterprise and T.J. Wilson added 10.

EN 14 21 15 16 - 66
EL 4 11 11 11 - 41

E'prise (66): Wilson 10, Baxter 12, Averett 7, Norton 1, Foster 2, Lee 12, Hicks 5, Roberts 8, Hart 2, Morris 7.
Elba (41): Gulley 12, Williams 6, Kelley 3, Logan 18, Rodgers 2.

(IV GAME)

The Elba Tiger junior varsity fell behind early and never recovered in a 63-31 loss to the Enterprise Wildcats. The Tigers trailed 38-18 by the end of the half and never challenged in the lopsided loss. Jordan McBride scored 6 points to lead Elba.

E'prise (63): Hill 2, Causey 10, Crutch 1, Kinsey 19, Brown 10, Gibson 4, Franklin 10, Peden 9, Warren 2.
Elba (31): Respress 5, Hartselton 2, Bullard 5, Reynolds 5, Morris 4, McBride 6, Phillips 3.

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SPORTS



A.J. Whitfield (3) prepares to shoot during recent action in the Girls 10 and Under Basketball division. Games are played nightly and on Saturdays at the Elba Recreation Center.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)



Zion Chapel's Byron McWaters races down court in recent high school basketball action. The Rebels will begin play in the Area tournament this week looking to pull off an upset.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

YOUTH BASKETBALL RESULTS

Following are results of action last week in the Elba Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation:

BOYS 6 AND UNDER

Elba Black vs. Elba Gold - Scoring for the Elba Black were Walter Craighead, Kendre Jordan, Isaiah Kyles, Omar Whitfield, Romello Jones, Malcolm Jones, Braxton Robinson and Nicholas Johnson. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Jamar Reed, Jeremiah Jordan and Christopher Edwards.

BOYS 8 AND UNDER

Elba White 25 Elba Gold 5 - The Elba White pulled ahead early and pulled way late to defeat the Elba Gold 25-5. Scoring for the Elba White were Griffin Martin 7, Martavious Gray 7, Denzell Thomas 6, Bronson Cook 2, Chance Johnson 2 and Cavossea Stinson 1. Scoring for the Elba Gold was Caleb Martin 5.

GIRLS 8 AND UNDER

Elba Gold 9 Elba Black 8 - The Elba Gold pulled ahead early and held on late to squeeze past the Elba Black 9-8. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Keyanna Caldwell 3, Jeslyn McKenzie 2, Jada McKenzie 2, Garian Wave 1 and Nijah Wilson 1. Scoring for the Elba Black were Lacy Mount 6, Shy Hammonds 1 and Briana Daniels 1.

BOYS 10 AND UNDER

Elba Black 12 Elba White 12 - The Elba Black and Elba Gold battled to a 12-12 tie. Cobe Goosby scored 12 points to lead the Elba Black. Scoring for the Elba White were Harry Griffin 10 and Nick Green 2.

BOYS 12 AND UNDER

Opp Bulls 29 Elba Black 25 - The Elba Black fell behind early and never recovered in a 29-25 loss to the Opp Bulls. Scoring for the Elba Black were Chance Goosby 9, KcAnthony Newson 6, Tyler Anderson 5, Waylon Craighead 3 and Michael Martin 2. Scoring for the Opp Bulls were Steadman Geiber 12, Hunter Coon 10, T.J. Register 3, Justin Ferguson 2, Avery Colquett 2 and Dane Buckelew 1.

Opp Sonics 51 Temple Spurs 27 - The Opp Sonics led all the way to claim a big 51-27 win over the Temple Spurs. Scoring for the Opp Sonics were Tyler Harrison 20, Zane Christian 16, Cameron White 6, Donald Dillard 3 and Hunter Roesor 2. Scoring for the Temple Spurs were Richard Davis 11, Cantrell Edwards 7, Zyki Wade 4, Charelle Edwards 2 and Olajuwon Heinz 1.

GIRLS 12 AND UNDER

Elba Black 39 Z.C. Rebelettes 7 - The Elba Black pulled ahead early and never looked back as it rolled to a 39-7 win over the Zion Chapel Rebelettes. Scoring for the Elba Black were Kei-Auna Edwards 14, Belinda Jones Pitts 12, Jacquetta Whitfield 4, Trey Craighead 4, Karizmah Yelverton 3 and Kimberly Perdue 2. Scoring for the Rebelettes were Kasey Sanders 2, Lizzie Carney 2, Cheyenne Whitfield and Patricia Pitts 1.

Elba Black 22 Zion Chapel 16 - The Elba Black pulled out to a big early lead and rolled to a 22-10 win over Zion Chapel. Scoring for the Elba Black were Jacquetta Whitfield 14, Kimberly Perdue 4, Kei-Auna Edwards 2 and Belinda Jones Pitts 2. Scoring for Zion Chapel were Kelli Behrens 7, Hilary Davis 2 and Faith Ketchum 1.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 9

In Opp.
10 and Under Boys
5:30 - Elba Black vs. Opp.
In Elba,
8 and Under Girls
5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba Gold
10 and Under Girls
6:30 - Elba Black vs. Temple

Saturday, Feb. 11

In Elba,
12 and Under Girls
9:00 - Zion Chapel vs. Z.C. Rebelettes
10:00 - Elba vs. Temple
12 and Under Boys
12:00 - Elba Black vs. Temple

Spurs

Monday, Feb. 13

In Elba,
6 and Under Boys
5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba Gold
8 and Under Boys
6:30 - Elba White vs. Elba Gold

Tuesday, Feb. 14

In Elba,
10 and Under Boys
5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba White
12 and Under Boys
6:30 - Elba Black vs. Temple
Spurs

Thursday, Feb. 16

In Elba,
8 and Under Girls
5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba Gold
10 and Under Girls
6:30 - Elba Black vs. Temple

Person jerseys to be retired Feb. 18

Auburn University will honor two of its all-time basketball greats on Saturday, Feb. 18, when Brantley's Chuck and Wesley Person have their jerseys retired at the LSU game.

Chuck Person, now an assistant coach with the NBA's Indiana Pacers, was a two-time All-American in 1985 and 1986 and a three-time first-team All-SEC selection. He is Auburn's all-time leading scorer with 2,311 points and led the Tigers to their deepest NCAA tournament run in 1986.

Wesley Person was an Associated Press All-American in 1994, a three-time All-SEC selection and ranks third all-time in scoring with 2,066 points. He is also Auburn's all-time leader in 3-pointers made (262) and 3-point percentage (.441). He averaged 22.2 points a game to lead the SEC in both scoring and in 3-point field goals as a senior in 1994.



Chance Goosby (22) goes high to block a shot in recent action in the Boys 12 and Under Basketball division. The Elba 12-year-old boys will host the ARPA District Tournament later this month.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS VARSITY

Brantley Bulldogs fall hard to Flying Squadron 68-48

The Brantley Bulldogs stumbled early and never recovered last Monday night in a 68-48 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Rashad Smiley scored 15 points and Thad Frazier added 13 to lead Brantley, while Deymond Sankey scored 21 to lead Highland Home.

Brantley Bulldogs shock Andalusia 68-66

The Brantley Bulldogs bounced back from Monday night's home court loss to stun the 4A Andalusia Bulldogs 68-66, Tuesday night in Brantley. Brantley trailed 66-65 with 3.6 seconds remaining in the game, but pulled out the wild win when Thad Frazier lofted a running one-hander just after crossing the mid court stripe and the ball banked into the basket. Rashad Smiley scored 26 points to lead Brantley, while Dexter Daniels added 20 and Kevin Pitts scored 12. Nico Johnson scored 18 points to lead Andalusia.

New Brockton Gamecocks fall to Red Tops 63-54

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Slocomb last Tuesday night and suffered a 63-54 setback to the Red Tops. Rashard Andrews scored 17 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Garrett Trawick scored 17 points for the Red Tops.

New Brockton falls in O.T. to Geneva County 68-65

The New Brockton Gamecocks closed out the regular season Friday night with a wild 68-65 overtime loss to the Geneva County Bulldogs. Richard Andrews scored 23 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Dadrion Johnson added 22 and Courtney Foster scored 10. Jeremy Williams scored 22 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs.

VARSITY GIRLS

Kinston Lady Bulldogs hold off Zion Chapel 49-44

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs earned a big lead into the final stanza and held last Monday night to claim a 49-44 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. At Kinston, Kaleigh Sanders scored 21 points and Brittany Hunko added 8 to lead Kinston, while Torie Hodge scored 17 points to lead the Lady Rebels.

Lady Gamecocks tripped up by Slocomb 46-29

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks traveled to Slocomb last Tuesday night and dropped a 46-29 decision to the Slocomb Lady Red Tops. Mylesha Andrews scored 10 points to lead New Brockton, while Raven Keller scored 14 points to lead Slocomb.

Lady Gamecocks no match for Geneva County 70-28

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were simply no match for Geneva County Friday night as they suffered a 70-28 defeat, at Hartford. Valarie Hutcherson scored 17 points to lead New Brockton, while Megan Dorriety scored 19 points to lead Geneva County.

YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION TO BEGIN FEB. 21 IN ELBA

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
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Baseball back in session at EHS

by Judson Vaughan

It's that wonderful time of year once again, time for sunflower seeds and lawn chairs to return to the ballpark. This year's Tigers are no exception. Under the senior leadership of Chase Boutwell, Dustin Rhoades and La'Ray Williams, this new era of Tigers is destined for greatness. Coming off a 10-10 season last year, the Tigers are hoping to stop the one year drought from the playoffs.

E.E.S. plans Valentine program

EES will host a "Love your School" Valentine Program on Monday, Feb. 13.

Parents and students in grades K-3 are encouraged to attend a special event planned in their honor from 3:30-4:30. Students in grades 4-6 and their parents should attend from 4:30-5:30.

Grade-level programs are planned for the parents, while students will enjoy a Valentine

Dance, complete with music and chaperones. Children must be accompanied by a parent in order to attend the dance.

Parents should not leave children at the school for later pick-up since students and parents will be asked to sign in and out together.

This is an important opportunity to get involved and show your love and support for your child and our school. Please make plans to attend with your loved one!!

Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawanna Wright



This week's co-op spotlight is Arrian Larcelle Bowers. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Buddy and Renita Bowers.

Arrian has been employed as a secretary at Alabama CBF since Aug. 9, 2004. She is very involved in activities at Elba High including VICA - president, member of FFA, and an SGA representative. Arrian, on being named this week's co-op spotlight.

If you are interested in buying a seat cushion ad, please call 897-2266 and ask for either Mrs. Wanda Bucklew or Stephanie Corder. Donations are welcome.

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Seat Cushion

by Stephanie Corder

The 2005-06 Journalism Staff will sell seat cushions during softball/baseball season.

In order to make the cushions, ads must be sold to be placed on the back of the cushion. Each ad is a business card size for \$40.

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FCCLA advisor Christina Whitlock with quilt examples

"Box Office Beauties" crowned during annual Elbala pageant

by Christina Bryant

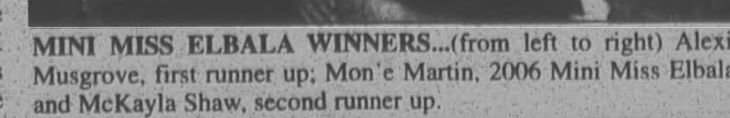
The EHS Journalism staff's production of the "2006" Miss Elbala pageant proved to be an absolute success.

Almost 200 people observed as each contestant paraded across the red carpet. This event included entertainment from Timothy Jackson and Aaron Tew, Judson Vaughan, Shawanna Wright and DaNeesha Jordan, and Gale Olson.

The EHS Journalism Staff gives special thanks to the Jr. Class sponsors, Mr. Ricky Carlie, Mrs. Amanda Martin, Mrs. Christina Whitlock, Mrs. Caldonia Howard, the lights and sound crew, entertainment, the judges and everyone who came to support this event.



MISS ELBALA WINNERS...(from left to right) Sydney Brunson, Miss Congeniality, Christina Bryant, first runner up; Kayla Kelley, 2006 Miss Elbala; and Kendall Stinson, second runner up.



MINI MISS ELBALA WINNERS...(from left to right) Alexia Musgrove, first runner up; Mon'e Martin, 2006 Mini Miss Elbala; and McKayla Shaw, second runner up.



JUNIOR MISS ELBALA WINNERS...(from left to right) Chessie Cross, Miss Congeniality; Lindsey Carney, second runner up; Molly McGuire, 2006 Junior Miss Elbala; and April Finedore, first runner up.

Two Elba High School Juniors work with Alabama legislature for three days in Montgomery

by Melanie Mularz

Every year Elba High School has at least two students to go to be a page at the state capital.

This year Wade Kindred and Melanie Mularz, both juniors at Elba High, were selected.

Wade was sponsored by Senator Jimmy Holley and paged for the Senate while Representative Terry Spicer sponsored Melanie.

During the week of January 24-26, the two students traveled to Montgomery for several long days of work.

"It was a very enjoyable and

educational experience," stated Melanie.

While in Montgomery, Wade and Melanie met Governor Bob Riley and Randy Owens, the singer of Alabama.

Pages work and run errands for legislators and senators. Each page gets paid \$75 for working for a period of three days.

Although the money helps with expenses, the greatest benefit is the invaluable experience the students take with them - as they leave Montgomery at the end of their three-day adventure.

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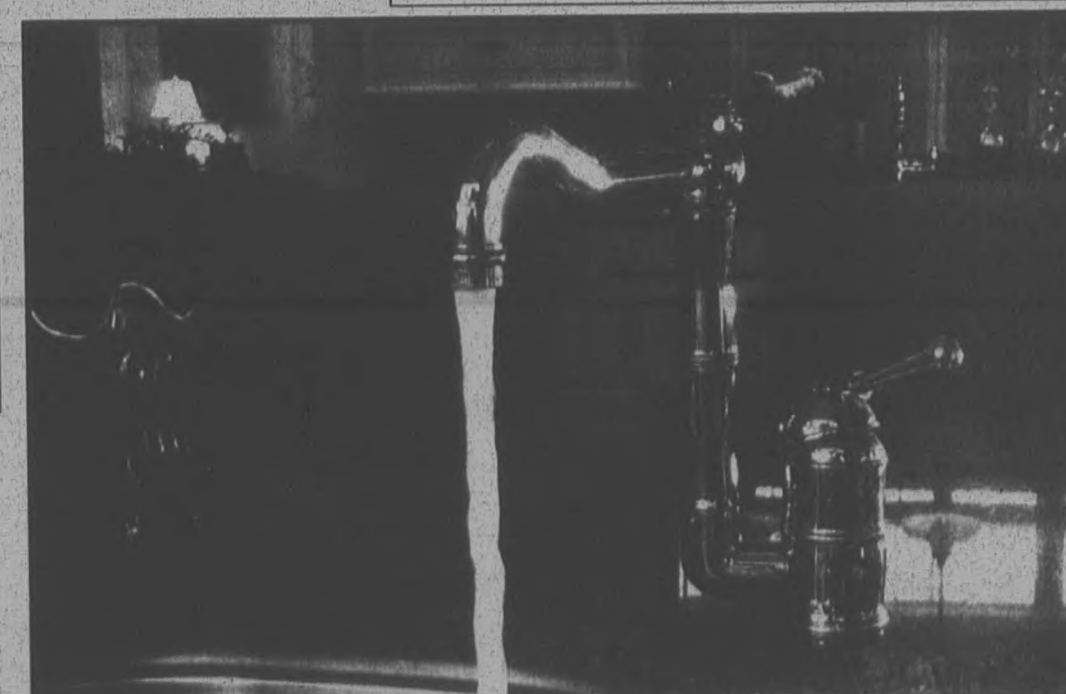
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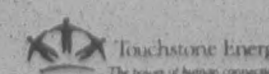
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